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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media is invited to attend the 36th Infantry Division Change of Command Ceremony on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. Media must arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. to allow for parking and coordination. Leadership and Soldiers from the unit will be available for interviews following the ceremony.

Members of the media are requested to RSVP no later than Friday, November 16, by 12:00 p.m. with the 36th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5989 or michael.w.leslie.mil@mail.mil.

Upon arrival, contact Maj. Randall Stillinger at (817) 714-3258.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas Army National Division welcomes new commander

AUSTIN, Texas (November 14, 2018) – On Saturday, November 17, 2018, Maj. Gen. Patrick M. Hamilton will take command of the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, from Maj. Gen. S. Lee Henry. The change of command ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the Camp Mabry Parade Field.

Maj. Gen. John F. Nichols, the Adjutant General of Texas, announced earlier this year that Hamilton would assume command from Henry, who has commanded the 36th Inf. Div. since 2017. Henry will be retiring after 35 years of service in the Army National Guard.

The change of command ceremony is a military tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility from one commanding officer to another. The passing of the colors ensures the unit is never without official leadership. The ceremony will also include a pass in review of troops, a cannon salute, and music from the 36th Inf. Div. band.

The 36th Inf. Div. is made up of six brigades and more than 16,000 Soldiers in communities located across the state and an active duty Army associated unit program brigade based at Fort Polk, La. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the division has trained and mobilized more than 40,000 Soldiers in support of combat operations, natural disaster relief, and border security.

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The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Office of the Executive Director (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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